IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal aligning agent comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of

a polyamic acid obtained by reactive polymerization of a tetracarboxylic dianhydride component with a diamine component, and

a polyimide obtained by cyclodehydration of the polyamic acid; [[,]] ~~characterized in that~~

wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of the tetracarboxylic dianhydride component is at least one tetracarboxylic dianhydride selected from the group consisting of

1,2,3,4-cyclobutanetetracarboxylic dianhydride,

2,3,5-tricarboxycyclopentylacetic dianhydride,

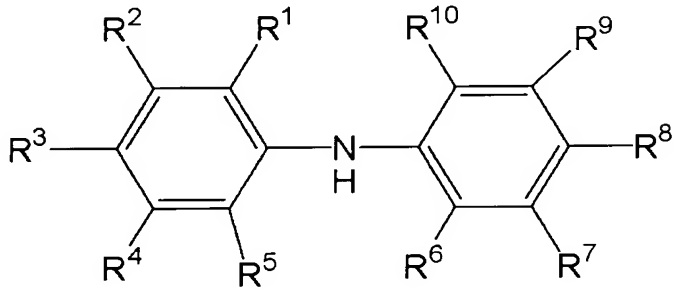
3,4-dicarboxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenesuccinic dianhydride,

bicyclo [3,3,0]octane-2,4,6,8-tetracarboxylic dianhydride and

1,2,3,4-butanetetracarboxylic dianhydride;

wherein from 10 to 100 mol% of the diamine component is a diamine represented by

~~at least part of the tetracarboxylic dianhydride component is a tetracarboxylic dianhydride having an alicyclic structure or an aliphatic structure, and at least part of the diamine component is a diamine represented by~~ the following formula (1):



(1)

[[(]] wherein two among R^1 to R^{10} are primary amino groups, and the rest are hydrogen atoms or monovalent organic groups other than primary amino groups, provided that they may be the same or different from one another [[)]].

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the tetracarboxylic dianhydride ~~having an alicyclic structure or an aliphatic structure~~ is 1,2,3,4-cyclobutanetetracarboxylic dianhydride or 3,4-dicarboxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenesuccinic dianhydride.

Claim 3 (Original): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the diamine represented by the formula is 4,4'-diaminodiphenylamine.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal alignment film made of a coated film obtained by applying the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ on a substrate, followed by drying and baking.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal alignment film obtained from the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 2.

Claim 6 (New): A liquid crystal alignment film made of a coated film obtained by applying the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 2 on a substrate, followed by drying and baking.

Claim 7 (New): A liquid crystal alignment film made of a coated film obtained by applying the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 3 on a substrate, followed by drying and baking.

Claim 8 (New): A liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal alignment film obtained from the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 2.

Claim 9 (New): A liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal alignment film obtained from the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 3.

Claim 10 (New): A liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal alignment film obtained from the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 4.

Claim 11 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 1, comprising the polyamic acid obtained by reactive polymerization of a tetracarboxylic dianhydride component with a diamine component.

Claim 12 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 1, comprising the polyimide obtained by cyclodehydration of the polyamic acid.

Claim 13 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 1, comprising the polyamic acid obtained by reactive polymerization of a tetracarboxylic dianhydride component with a diamine component and the polyimide obtained by cyclodehydration of the polyamic acid.

Claim 14 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 1, comprising the polyamic acid obtained by reactive polymerization of a tetracarboxylic dianhydride component with a diamine component, wherein the tetracarboxylic dianhydride comprises 1,2,3,4-cyclobutanetetracarboxylic dianhydride.

Claim 15 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 1, comprising the polyamic acid obtained by reactive polymerization of a tetracarboxylic dianhydride component with a diamine component, wherein the tetracarboxylic dianhydride comprises 3,4-dicarboxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenesuccinic dianhydride.